

Dear Friends, Neighbors, Peers and Constituents,

My name is Sybil Bailey I am a 65-year-old advocate for human rights, this has been my calling since I came to Seattle in 1962. I have lived in Denny Terrace for almost 21 years, which in itself should attest to the fact that I am in for the long haul, so to speak. Living in a LIPH building I want to show pride in where I call home. Being a giving and innately caring person working with the Residents and their families has done more for my continued growth as a person than any paying job I have held except for when I was teaching remedial reading. My experiences with all grade levels from Pre-school to Garfield High have given me more insight into people of all races, ethnic backgrounds and attitudes has made me well qualified to diffuse any instance I could run into with my Residents or peers.

I am the Mayor's choice for the Resident seat being vacated by Judith Fay on the Seattle Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners. The interview panel chose me unanimously out of sixteen other candidates. My confirmation hearing was on August 01, 2006 at which time those few opposing my confirmation were allowed to voice their opinions about my abilities to effectively serve or take care of business in a fair professional manner.

Several of you have visited or been part of an event as presenters here at Denny Terrace and now I wish to ask each of you to help me as an individual. I need a support group to appear on my behalf before this tribunal on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 9:00 AM in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of the New City Hall of Seattle WA.

I possess documents that prove the allegations recently leveled against me are unjustified by the facts. The changes in question- instituted in the Resident Action Council (RAC) were made so it would be able to get some of the Resident Participation Funds (RPF). In order to receive funds we had no choice but to

narrow our RAC service area to allow the Garden Communities to receive their own funding. The reasons these criticisms are now being brought up is not clear to me at this time. However, one dissenter at my August 1st hearing did state that “there are enough blacks on the Board and no Mexicans and the ratio of men to women is unfair”. I usually don’t bring race or gender into my business dealings, but that is the only thing that issue may be difficult for me now to ignore. I consider, further, as an attack on my morals and abilities to serve effectively. There is no monetary to gain with this seat. The redeeming factor is to make the Councils efforts for residents more effective and positive. I do deserve this seat; I am qualified by the fact that I have been fighting for Residents rights to know policy and their privileges for over 10 years.

Documentation has been presented to parties involved by Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) and myself that prove contrary to what is being stated about my actions as Chair with the Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC). Also the allegation about my Presidency of the Resident Action Council (RAC) are untrue. The changes were SHA mandates and not in any way arbitrarily made by me. I have been also accused of giving testimony against the bill to increase Board of Commissioners from five to seven. That is simply untrue. The transcript of the hearing on SHB 2459 held in Olympia in 1998 has been made available to all person interested it speaks for itself.

After the August 1st hearing it was brought to my attention that the majority of the opposition was from SHA Council applicants who were not deemed qualified enough to be interviewed for that opening. I understand there is a negative e-mail in circulation regarding alleged personal events in my life that took place over 23 years ago.

In closing I would like reiterate that I do deserve this position and want it. My abilities as a leader should not be questioned as actions speak louder than words. I will always have an open mind as far as the Residents opinions. May not always agree but I will

always listen and try and be fair-minded. I will welcome the input and criticism of others, but would hope that those interactions would be fact-based and done in the spirit of mutual respect.

I am now asking you to help by being on my support team and by appearing before the City Council with me on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 9:00 AM.

Sincere Thanks

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